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JOHNSON NAMES RABORN TO BOLSTER CIA CONTROL

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(E. Nikelev article: "Espionage Is His Credo")

(Text) In the state of Virginia there is a very popular anecdote about a foreigner who is passing through the state and has been trying to start a conversation with a local inhabitant, but without success. After a long time the foreigner asks angrily: "Maybe conversations in this state are forbidden by law?" The answer is: "There is no such law here, but it is the custom that one should not start a conversation unless one is convinced that what he will say is better than keeping quiet."

The anecdote is not fortuitous. In the same state of Virginia, not far from Washington, an enormous building stands, a building which has a rival only in the Pentagon. This is the residence of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. As regards the importance and power of this intelligence service, the scales and trends of its activities, which are being carried out under the motto "to collect any intelligence information from any possible source," it is sufficient to quote the statement by A. Tully, author of the book "Inside the CIA": "The number of the CIA personnel on the staffs of certain American diplomatic missions outstrips the number of the members of the diplomatic service."

In the office of the CIA leader, with walls lined with lead plates to prevent the penetration of any kind of monitoring instruments, now sits, for a relatively short time, a vice admiral of the reserves, William Francis Raborn. This old sea wolf who looks back upon a career of 35 years as an officer has actually never fought on a battlefield and even at the Naval Academy in Annapolis he had been quite mediocre and his marks had never been above average, because he preferred boxing and tennis to military science. On the other hand, however, he has not many rivals in the sector of business. People say that Raborn used to make the following ambiguous remark:

"I am not one of those who when he is dressed in the morning thinks that all the world is dressed." Of course, the admiral does not think in this connection about the millions of unemployed in the United States. He is thinking of those who are increasing their financial power with his help. Raborn had been the leader of the Polaris missile program. When his new appointment came he was working as an executive of the Aerojet General Corporation in California, a firm which is also linked to rocket production.

Raborn comes from Texas. His appearance in Washington is a new argument justifying the saying of the journalists that the "White House already smells like a ranch." He is linked to the oil magnates in the south who are the economic oligarchy which is backing with its economic power the ideas of the most enraged ultras. Raborn was also among these reserve officers who overtly supported Johnson during the election campaign.

The appointment of the vice admiral as CIA director is viewed as a step toward the closest possible White House control over the most secret state organ in the United States. U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT says that "an order was given to find a strong dictator who would be able to lead the gigantic administration with a strong hand and comprehensively to inform the President on CIA's widespread activities."

It is known that espionage and diversion are the chief weapons which the ideologists of imperialism in the United States are constantly improving in order to spread their feelers throughout all regions of the world. However, the numerous failures of the aggressive U.S. policy in southeast Asia, of the plans worked out in the CIA against the liberation struggles of the peoples, are a serious warning to anyone who lets himself be guided by the principle: "Espionage is our credo; subversive activities are our law."